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RESPONSE

This is in response to the action mailed May 8, 2002. A request for an appropriate extension of time is being filed herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

TREATMENT AND DIAGNOSIS OF PROSTATE CANCER

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 81, 82, and 95-122.

Please amend claims 77 and 126 as follows:

[Reiterated] A method of treating, preventing, or delaying development or progression of prostate cancer comprising?

providing an antibody or antigen binding portion thereof which binds to an extracellular domain of prostate specific membrane antigen; and

administering the antibody or antigen binding portion thereof to a subject in need of treatment under conditions effective to treat, prevent, or delay the development or progression of prostate cancer.

[Reiterated] The method according to claim 6\%, wherein the prostate cancer is metastatic.

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